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**Applicant: Fosnaugh
Serial No.: 07/699,479
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For: DIE-SHAPING APPARATUS AND
PROCESS AND PRODUCT FORMED
THEREBY
Accorded Benefit of: None**

The case referred to above has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences because it is adjudged to interfere with other cases hereafter specified. Attention is directed to the fact that this interference is declared pursuant to 37 CFR 1.601 et seq., effective February 11, 1985 (49 F.R. 48416. 1050 O.G. 385). The interference is designated as No. 103,019.

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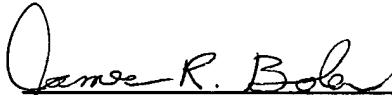
Count 1

Apparatus for shaping a series of discs in a metal strip, each pair of adjacent discs in the strip being connected, and the geometric centers between adjacent discs being separated by center-to-center distances, said apparatus comprising a progressive die having a succession of adjacent stations located along an imaginary center line, said geometric centers being located substantially on said center line, said adjacent stations having center-to-center distances which are fixed, and means for maintaining accurate progression of said discs through said stations despite variations in said center-to-center distances of said adjacent discs while maintaining said geometric centers substantially on said center line, said means for maintaining comprising slot punch means for cutting a plurality of slots which form a plurality of narrow bridges connecting said adjacent discs, said bridges being sufficiently narrow to be deformable to correct for said variations, and pilot means at a station adjacent said slot punch means for engaging and accurately locating a disc while said slot punch means are cutting said slots.

The claims of the parties which correspond to this count are:

Fosnaugh: Claims 2-4, 6-11, 13-31, 47, 48, and 52-54.

Abnet: Claims 1-22 and 27.


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